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**SUBJ: Eighth Grade Technology Literacy Certification Requirement**

This is a reminder about the annual reporting requirement for eighth grade technology literacy. Last year was the first year for which you were required to report on technological literacy. The deadline for reporting is June 30, 2007.

Please use the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS) to certify the **number** of eighth grade students assessed and the **number** of students deemed technologically literate.

A student's technology literacy may be assessed in the following ways:

- Teacher Observation
- Portfolio (hard copy or electronic)
- Formal Assessment
- Completion of Coursework

The Regional Educational Media Center association (REMC), in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), has created a website with resources to assist school districts to assess and report on eighth grade technology literacy. Visit the REMC Toolkit at <http://www.remctoolkit.org/> to browse the toolkit and search for 'NCLB Technology Literacy Requirements' for more information.

On the site, you will find definitions and links to the following:

- Michigan Educational Technology Standards
- National Educational Technology Standards (NETS)
- NETS checklist
- Michigan Electronic Grant System (Certification website)

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The eighth grade Technology Literacy requirement should be embedded within the district or public school academy school improvement and technology plans. For assistance with technology planning, visit <http://techplan.org>. School district personnel are also encouraged to contact their local REMC for assistance.

If you have questions or need further assistance with the eighth grade Technology Literacy requirement, please contact Ron Faulds or Barb Fardell at (517) 335-2957, or by email at [fauldsr@michigan.gov](mailto:fauldsr@michigan.gov) or [fardellb@michigan.gov](mailto:fardellb@michigan.gov).